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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes. Representations were received both by the Commissioner and the Government.

(b) Enquiry showed that the property in question was not endowed absolutely in favour of the charity and that it was only charged with a liability for contributing to the maintenance of the chatram; that the trustee, while partitioning the major portion of the property among his sons, had made adequate provision for the continuance of the charity and that the charity was being properly conducted. The Government therefore decided that there was no case for extending the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, to this charity."

Production of dry vaccine lymph in the King Institute, Guindy.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. S. Mogral is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the King Institute, Guindy, has been able to produce dry vaccine lymph for smallpox vaccination?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, on an experimental basis."

Removal of silt from the Buckingham Canal.

* 1276 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to remove the silt from the Buckingham Canal and to remove bad smell in the summer season;

(b) the annual expenditure incurred by Government on the removal of silt from the Canal;

(c) how many drainages in the City are connected to this Canal; and

(d) whether the Government will order to divert these drainages to the underground sewage system of the Corporation of Madras?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) The Buckingham Canal gets silted up during the monsoon floods and silt clearance is being done in the following summer, when the water level in the Canal goes down. The Canal in the city limits is generally flushed by manipulating the valve gates of the locks, when the Adyar, Cooum and Ennore bars are working. When the water level goes down to 21 feet exposing islands, which tend to emanate a bad smell, sea water is pumped into Cooum river.

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"(b) About 1·5 lakhs per annum.

"(c) About 57 drainages are let into the Buckingham Canal.

"(d) The Corporation has already taken some action for diverting the sewage outlets wherever possible, according to the joint report of the Public Works Department and Corporation authorities, especially in the southern parts of the canal. For the northern parts of the canal, sewage schemes for the Cochrane Basin and Nammalwarpet have been sanctioned and arrangements are being made to put the works on hand shortly. On completion of these two drainage schemes pollution of the Buckingham Canal is expected to be reduced appreciably."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஸார், பேசின் பிரிட்ஜ் பக்கிங்ஹாம் கெனல் wharf-களில் கோடை காலத்தில் எடுக்கப்பட்ட (சேறு) மாரிகாலத்திலும் கூட இருந்துகொண்டு வைசூரி முதலிய தொத்து நோய்களை பரப்பிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அங்கு ஆறுமாத காலம் சேறு இருந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது. அதை அப்புறப்படுத்த ஆட்சியாளர்கள் கவனிப்பார்களா, அதற்கு தக்க நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுப்பார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is what I have stated. The Corporation and we have come to some sort of understanding on this point and the Corporation and the Government both together have been taking steps to attend to this malady."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it not a fact that only experiments are being conducted about flushing of water into the Buckingham Canal and that those experiments are conducted at Poondi Reservoir and no regular flushing has been carried out in the Buckingham Canal proper in the recent past? Is it not a fact that the Government are reluctant to advance sufficient amount of loan which the Corporation has asked for to improve the sewage clearance work at Ayyanavaram and Adyar? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Corporation and the Government have met subsequently and the Corporation are going to carry out the experimental flushing. The Government have come to some understanding with reference to this question and all possible steps will be taken."

9-20 a.m. SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is sea-water being pumped into the canal continuously throughout the year or is it done only sporadically? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I want notice."

* 1277 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" I do not put the question, Sir."